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## A Note on Unjustified Emendations

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There seems to be some misunderstanding in recent literature about the status of the "Appendix D: Recommendations on the Formation of Names" in the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. These recommendations are appended to the rules, and are "provided as a guide to good usage in nomenclature. They do not have the force of rules" (ICZN, 1964:93; ICZN, 1985:181; see also p. 1 in either edition). They are meant to serve as guidelines for the original describer of a taxon, and, among other things, they suggest that the prefix "mac" be used instead of "Mac," "Mc," or "M," when a zoological name is formed (ICZN, 1985:197).

The following are three examples of instances in which authors use this recommendation while citing "the rules" to emend such names.

ORTIZ-CORPUS (1983) listed *Petalconchus erectus macgintyi* Olsson & Harbison, 1953, and stated (1983:56): "I am modifying *mcgintyi* to *macgintyi* to conform it to the rules of Zoological Nomenclature."

CLARKE (1986:92) stated "ICZN Rules require that *Elliptio mcMichaeli*, as originally proposed [by Clench & Turner, 1956], should be emended to *Elliptio macMichaeli*."

Another name change by ORTIZ-CORPUS (1983:170) is a little more complicated. He emended the original spelling of *Atys m'andrewii* E. A. Smith, 1872, to *Atys macandrewii*, "to conform it to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (Article 27, p. 29; p. 109)" (ORTIZ-CORPUS, 1983:171). The references given by Ortiz-Corpus refer to

the then valid second edition of the Code (ICZN, 1964), specifically to Article 27 ("no diacritic mark, apostrophe, or diaeresis is to be used . . .") and to the recommendations concerning prefixes as described above. In both the old (2nd) and new (3rd) editions of the Code, there are provisions to emend original spellings that contain diacritic marks, apostrophes, diaereses, or hyphens (ICZN, 1964: Art. 32(c)(i); ICZN, 1985: Art. 32(d)(i)). However, the text in that article reads "A name published with . . . apostrophe is to be corrected . . . by the deletion of the mark concerned and by uniting any resulting parts." Therefore, *Atys mandrewii* is the required, justified emendation of *A. m'andrewii*; Ortiz-Corpus' *Atys macandrewii* is not.

Unfortunately such unjustified emendations cannot be ignored by subsequent authors, since they are available names according to the Code: ". . . the name thus emended is available with its own author and date and is a junior objective synonym of the name in its original spelling; it enters into homonymy and can be used as a replacement name" (ICZN, 1985: Art. 33b(iii)).

Thus, careless emendations can produce "instant synonyms" that have to be carried through subsequent literature. Although not intended by the authors in the above-mentioned cases, these actions could have resulted in the introduction of three invalid, but available, new nominal taxa, *Petalconchus erectus macgintyi* Ortiz-Corpus, 1983, *Atys macandrewii* Ortiz-Corpus, 1983, and *Elliptio mcMichaeli* Clarke, 1986! I write "could have resulted," because there is a further complicating factor that warrants individual checking of each case. Although the act of emendation was stressed by each author, they were not necessarily the first to take that action. *Atys m'andrewii*, for instance, was changed to *macandrewii* (sic) at least twice before, by VON MARTENS (1872:140) and by ODHNER (1931:24) (the use of the suffix -i for -ii has no nomenclatural bearing and is to be treated as an incorrect subsequent spelling, even if the change was deliberate; ICZN, 1985: Art. 33(d)).

Such emendations are not merely *not* required by the Code—they are unjustified, cause confusion, and burden the literature with junior synonyms.

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Note on *Leaflets in Malacology*

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*Leaflets in Malacology* was privately published by the late S. S. Berry, with 26 numbers issued between 1946 and 1969 (see HERTZ, 1984, *The Festivus* 15(Suppl.):1-42).

Among Berry's papers have been found copies of *Leaflets* No. 13, with an accompanying note in Berry's handwriting stating that "these are the suppressed first printing but can be used as work copies & rough reprints." This "suppressed" printing is dated 7 July 1956. The printing that received distribution is dated 9 July 1956.

The 7 July number, as printed, contained numerous errors and Berry evidently, and rightfully, felt that it should be reprinted. Comparison of the page proof of the first printing shows that the printer corrected most, but not all, of the errors.

Several dozen copies of this 7 July printing exist, most with corrections made thereon by Berry. Considering the state of Berry's effects during the last few years of his life, it is possible that copies of the 7 July printing were inadvertently distributed. Since we have it in Berry's own hand that the 7 July printing was suppressed, *Leaflets* No. 13 cannot be considered to have been published, in the sense of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, on 7 July, and the actual publication date is 9 July as shown on the revised printing.

Berry's note, the page proof, and all copies of the 7 July printing that have been located are now in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

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